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For: SELF-REPAIRING OPERATING SYSTEM FOR   )
      COMPUTER ENTITIES   )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
  for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the below claim as follows:

23.   (Amended.)   The method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said configuration data comprises:

a network configuration data describing a networking configuration of the computer entity;

an administration security data describing administration security settings applied to the computer entity;

an installed user data describing installed users on the computer entity;

a user settings data describing individual settings for at least one installed user on the computer entity; and

a back-up schedule data describing a back-up schedule for backing up data of said computer entity.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to remove the multiple dependencies contained therein and thereby reduce the basic filing fee. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are attaching pages of the claims showing the changes made. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited. Kindly direct any inquiries to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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19.   The computer entity as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said data storage device comprises at least one disk drive.

20.   The computer entity as claimed in Claim 14, which is devoid of a user console running directly from a said operating system of said computer entity.

21.   A method of running a computer entity, said computer entity comprising:

a data storage device divided into a plurality of partition areas;

a primary operating system stored on a first said partition area;

a secondary operating system stored on a second said partition area;

said method comprising the steps of:

storing a back up copy of said operating system on a third said partition area.

22.   The method as claimed in Claim 22, further comprising the step of automatically updating configuration data stored in a fourth partition area of said data storage device.

23.   The method as claimed in Claim 23, wherein said configuration data comprises:

a network configuration data describing a networking configuration of the computer entity;

an administration security data describing administration security settings applied to the computer entity;

an installed user data describing installed users on the computer entity;

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a user settings data describing individual settings for at least one installed user on the computer entity; and

a back-up schedule data describing a back-up schedule for backing up data
10   of said computer entity.